

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 27-38 are currently pending in the present application and stand rejected. In particular, in the Office Action mailed February 22, 2006, Claims 1-14 and 27-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,569,345 to Kenyon. Responsive to this Office Action, applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 27 as set forth above and submits that Claims 1-14 and 27-38 are now in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

As noted above, Claims 1-14 and 27-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kenyon. The Office Action asserts that Kenyon discloses a garment pad 10 wherein the fleece fabric is a pad layer and an adhesive 11 on a bonding substrate liner which is heat sensitive adheres the pad to a garment. As presently amended, applicant submits that nothing in Kenyon teaches or suggests a body of the garment pad being dome shaped to provide shapeliness to a breast or shoulder region of a user. Accordingly, applicant submits that Claims 1 and 27 are now in condition for allowance.

Additionally, applicant submits that each of the claims dependent from Claims 1 and 27 are patentable at least by virtue of this dependency, as well as by virtue of further limitations set forth therein. For example, Claims 6-9 and 31-34 disclose that the bonding fabric or support layer, respectively, have either a relief gap, series of relief cuts, aperture, or all of the aforementioned for assisting in forming the bonding fabric or support layer "from a substantially planar configuration to an arcuate shaped configuration." Nothing in Kenyon teaches or suggests a bonding fabric or support layer that includes any or all of a relief gap, a series of relief cuts, or an aperture. Moreover, nothing in Kenyon teaches or suggests the inclusion of such relief gap, series of relief cuts, or aperture for assisting in forming the bonding fabric or support layer from a substantially planar configuration to an arcuate shaped configuration.

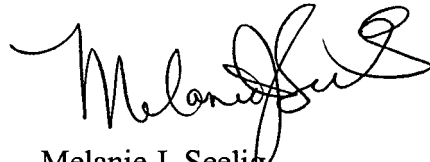
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, applicant submits that each of Claims 1 through 14 and 27 through 38 is now in condition for allowance. Hence, reconsideration and passage of the application to issuance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any remaining issues, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney, who will endeavor to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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